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6. HOW INDEPENDENT ARE BANGALEE REPRESENTATIVES? (7D) --  
IT IS HARD TO THINK OF ANY BANGALEE REPRESENTATIVE TO A  
MULTILATERAL BODY WHO HAS SUCH INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CLOUT  
THAT HE IS DIFFICULT TO INSTRUCT OR CONTROL. RATHER, THE  
LACK OF ADEQUATE INSTRUCTIONS COMBINED WITH FAULTY COMMU-  
NICATIONS MEANS THAT BANGALEE REPRESENTATIVES ARE FREQUENTLY  
REQUIRED TO OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.  
IN THIS SETTING, THEY TEND NOT RPT NOT TO STRIKE OUT  
ON BOLD, NEW COURSES BUT TO FOLLOW WHAT ARE THOUGH TO  
BE THE PRECEPTS OF CONVENTIONAL WISDOM. IN A PERIOD WHEN  
POLICY IN DACCA IS UNDERGOING A SHIFT, MOREOVER, THE  
BANGALEE REPRESENTATIVE MAY FIND HIMSELF A BIT BEHIND THE  
TIMES. THE TENDECNY THEN IS TO TAKE THE WELL-WORN PATH.

7. IS THE BDG RECEPTIVE TO U.S. REPRESENTATIONS ON  
MULTILATERAL USES? (7E) -- IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THERE  
HAS BEEN MORE WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE BDG SINCE  
AUGUST 15 TO BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON MULT-  
LATERAL MATTERS, AT LEAST WHEN THEY ARE BROAD-BRUSH AND  
CONCEPTUAL. IT WAS INTERESTING TO HEAR DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
AHSAN REPEATING BACK THE VIEWS (I.E., THE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE  
CHARACTER OF CONFRONTATION, THE PROBLEM OF THE FALSE CON-  
SENSUS, ETC.) WHICH WE HAD PRESENTED EIGHTEEN MONTHS EARLIER  
UPON RECEIPT 74 STATE 184584, AN EXPERIENCE WHICH SUGGESTS  
THAT THEY HEARD US BEFORE THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW  
THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO LET US KNOW THEY LISTENED AND  
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UNDERSTOOD. A MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE -- AND A MUCH IMPROVED VOTING RECORD WILL BE THE ONLY TEST -- IS, HOWEVER, STILL AHEAD, BUT THE BANGALEES ARE BEGINNING TO FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ABSTAIN OR ABSENT THEMSELVES WHEN VOTES THEY KNOW ARE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE US ARE BEING CAST. NEVERTHELESS, THE PULL OF THE PAST IS STRONG, AND BANGLADESH STILL THINKS IT MUST IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH THE THIRD WORLD. AND THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT FORCE IT TO LOOK BEYOND THE US TO OTHERS, LIKE THE ARAB OPEC MEMBERS, WHOSE GOODWILL CAN MEAN ASSISTANCE AND INVESTMENT. THE APPROACHES MADE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION FOR THE 30TH UNGA STRUCK US AS A USEFUL BEGINNING IN DRIVING HOME TO THE BANGLADEESES (I) THE DEPTH OF OUR FEELING AND (II) THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE PLAN TO TREAT VITAL QUESTIONS. THAT THE BANGLADEESES MANAGED TO DO NO MORE THAN ABSENT THEMSELVES IS PERHAPS LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE EDUCATIVE PROCESS WHICH THEN BEGAN.

8. DO THE BANGLADEESES SOLICIT US SUPPORT? (7E) -- YES, BUT INFREQUENTLY SINCE THEY SO RARELY HAVE ANYTHING WHICH THEY INITIATE AND THEY KNOW THAT MANY OF THE ISSUES WHICH THEY ARE PUSHED TO SUPPORT BY OTHERS WOULD ONLY BRING A TURN-DOWN FROM THE US. THE BASELINES ISSUE IN THE LOS CONFERENCE IS THE ONE CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT.  
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